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Benevolence Within The Century

Ray C. Smith

This was the theme of one of the addresses of the recent International Convention, brought by Dr. J. Eric Carlson, General Secretary of the National Benevolent Association, and well known here. Dr. Carlson's article appears in the December issue of "World Call" and traces the history of benevolence in our brotherhood from its small beginning in Kentucky over 100 years ago to the present time. The first Home for orphans opened with only 4 children, but last year in the 6 Homes in the N.B.A. 987 very needy children were served. The first Home for our aged members was started in 1900 in St. Louis with only 3 guests, but last year 278 aged people were members of "your other family" in 6 Homes.

Dr. Carlson summarized his address with the following statement:

"Thus is recorded in brief, the story of benevolence within the century as carried on by the N.B.A. From meager beginnings in a rented cottage with used furniture, the work has grown until the annual report for the fiscal year which closed June 30, 1949, revealed a record of 1,317 served. Assets of the N.B.A. now total about $5,000,000 and the income for maintenance during the year which closed June 30, 1949, reached a total of $657,707.26. A total of 4,138 churches and church organizations shared in the support of this work. Each of our Home properties is well located, substantially built, and reflects great credit upon all our churches.

As the electric wire carries the illuminating energy from the generator to lighten the dark places of our homes, cities and towns, so the Homes of the N.B.A. serve as the media by which our churches can unite their efforts and generosity to carry the warmth of Christian love to the lives of the needy."

Another interesting and illuminating article in "World Call" is that under the title of "The Increasing Role of Benevolence," by Gene Irvine. Miss Irvine says in part:

"Eleven Million people in the United States are over sixty-five, as compared with three million in 1900. By 1975, statisticians tell us, the number will be 18 million, and by the year 2000 there will be 21 million over sixty-five.

"Increased benevolence is a partial solution to the problem of what is to become of the increasing older portion of the population who find it harder and harder and frequently impossible to be self supporting as their age increases. But the suggestion of increased benevolence to meet a growing need has a hollow ring when we consider that benevolence has never been adequate—within the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ or outside it."

Thus we note the increasing interest among our churches and church leaders in this neglected field of Christian service. Our immediate and urgent need in the Northwestern area is for enlarged facilities to care for at least twice the number of guests we now have .

Change Of Name

The name Christian Women's Fellowship, to take the place of such names as Christian Missionary Society, Women's Council, Ladies Aid, or what have you, is being looked upon with favor in recent days by the women of the Christian Churches of our Brotherhood all over the United States. It is hoped that some time in the not too distant future that all of the women of the Christian Churches will band themselves together under one name to work for the Master. The organization will be very similar to the present one with the possible exception that it may be simplified to some extent to fit the needs of the smaller groups. In answer to the request for something challenging to take hold of after the close of the Crusade for a Christian World closes on June 30, 1950, the State Presidents and State Secretaries were called together for a time of study and consultation last January. Out of that meeting has grown tentative plans for the Christian Fellowship. There has been a feeling for quite some time that the intense missionary zeal and passion which possessed the women of the Christian Women's Board of Missions organization, that of sending the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, has been supplanted by other things. Plans are under way for new manuals, new constitutions, new guidance materials, new goals and a new spirit akin to that of the C.W.B.M. women who labored so long and hard many years ago. The missionary organizations of Oregon, as well as the ministers and other workers, are being informed so that everything will be in readiness to give full cooperation on July 1, 1950. Pray about it. —E.L.B.

Lisuland Missionaries Safe

After disquieting reports and rumors regarding the situation of the missionaries on the borders of Tibet, China and Burma, and weeks of waiting for more definite word, it is cause of joy to read the following telegram in the Christian Standard:

"Baton Rouge, La., November 13.—Received letter today from Robert. Betty and Robert Morse, Lois and David Rees, Dorothy Sterling, Jane Kinnet, Isabel Dittemore and daughter Janet, have arrived safe in Burma.—Mrs. Genevieve Mariwether."

Those who have been following the fortunes of these workers will recall that this is the group who were more or less isolated in the heart of the Lisuland Mission territory on the Mekong, Salween and Irrawaddy Rivers, while other members of the mission were still in the Kunming area.

Many will rejoice in this evidence that God hears prayers and watches over His workers in these dangerous fields.—J. Frank Cunningham.

For Sale

The State Board will sell its multigraph very cheaply. The office secretary is familiar with the mimeograph, hence the multigraph is not needed. Anyone interested get in touch with Brother Addleman.

Heralds Of Christ

Dallas and Luanna Meserve concluded a revival in the North Bend Church on November 27 in which there were 3 responses by primary obedience and 7 by transfer of membership. Dallas also spoke for the meeting of the local Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood on November 7. A word of real appreciation comes from the church for the service of these "Heralds of Christ." (Here's a note for the men. In the contest with the ladies the men won by over 300 points. North Bend men are to be congratulated.)

There were 2 confessions and 6 transfers in the Dayton meeting which closed on October 30. There were no responses in the meeting at Mill City during the forepart of October, but the church was encouraged by the evangelistic effort.

Following a campaign in St. Johns and University Homes this month the schedule of the team includes a meeting at Odell in January, at Athena (beginning in January) in February, at Detroit in March, at Junction City March 26 to April 16, and at Sisters April 23 to May 15.—E.P.D.

Guest Day At Albany

Annual guest day was observed by the women of the Missionary Society of the Albany Christian Church with a 1 o'clock luncheon Wednesday, October 26. More than 125 women, representing Lebanon, Jefferson, Corvallis, Junction City and Albany, attended. Mrs. Ethan Collier, of Salem, member of the Migrant Committee of the Oregon Council of Church Women, was the guest speaker. She told of her experiences in visiting Migrant camps and surveying their relief facilities, and educational and recreational activities carried on by the Council representatives in this area. Mrs. J. W. Jordan, former executive secretary for Oregon, now serving as president of the Albany W.M.S., welcomed the guests. The program was presented by Mesdames R. C. Wright, O. L. Mick, Otto Lance, William Warner, Carl Newport, and Harry Cooley. Clever table decorations in the form of miniature Migrant workers harvesting fruits and nuts, lent atmosphere to the meeting.—E.L.B.

Sisters

An evangelistic meeting was held at Sisters, Oregon, by Northwest Christian College students during the Thanksgiving period, November 23-27. On these five days there were ten confessions of faith and one transfer of membership. George Knox, Junior from Canby, is the pastor. John W. Smith, N.C.C. Sophomore of Eugene, is Youth Director. The Male Quartet from N.C.C., known as The Masters' Men, and composed of George Bever, Sophomore from Couer D'Alene, Idaho; Hood Simon, Senior from Wenatchee, Washington; Roger Aydelott, Sophomore from Alhambra, California; and Gerald Tichenor, Junior from Reseda, California; provided music and shared in the personal work. Floyd Diehm, Junior from Oklahoma, was the evangelist.—Ross J. Griffith.

Former E.B.U. Student Founds Church In Japan

Some who read this may remember Sadaichi Kawaguchi, who attended Eugene Bible University in the twenties. The writer received one letter from him a good many years ago. Then, for a long time he had no further word from him. Now, just a few weeks ago I received a card from him bearing the following return address: "Church of Christ, Fukuokashigai, Kyushu, Japan." (You pronounce it!)

On this card he says in part, "Last Christmas time I got a letter from Joseph Applegate, Los Angeles, California. How glad I was to get their sympathy from Figueroa Church. Few days ago he sent me your address to ask support of my Lord's work. Now I am happy to tell you that I fixed up a small, nice church at my house and I can preach in comfort. I am glad to found a church in the southern island of Japan where is virgin field. Please your prayer for us to enthuse and make me a champion of the faith in our Lord. God bless you and your church all. Faithfully yours in Christ, Sadaichi Kawaguchi.

We undersand that the Figueroa Church in Los Angeles is supporting his work. We trust that many others will come to the aid of this missionary to his people.—J.F.C.

"Town Hall" Meeting At Salem

"Problems on Our Doorstep" was the theme for the Town Hall meeting of the Salem Council of the First Church, November 17. Dudley Strain, pastor, was the Moderator; Dr. J. Rademaker spoke on the topic "Migrant Workers"; Mr. Howard Higby on "Juvenile Problems;" and Mr. Carl Grieder on "Displaced Persons." The worship service was directed by Mrs. Opal Carson, former state president, who with her family had quite recently returned to Salem to live. Women were present from Jefferson, Albany, Dallas, Dayton, McMinnville, Mill City, Court St. Salem, Silverton, and Liberty, making a total attendance of 180. It was an outstanding occasion. Mrs. Phyllis Holloway is president of the Salem Council.—E.L.B.

Two New Books In The State Office Library

We have received two complimentary copies of new books from the Christian Board of Publication. A book especially good for ministers is, "Called in Honor," by Charles B. Tupper, pastor of the First Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois. This book deals with the minister, his life, his work, his code of ethics and his heritage. Any minister will do well to read it. The second book is, "Like the Great Mountain," by Jack Finegan, professor and head of the Department of Old and New Testament Literature and Interpretation at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. It is addressed primarily to young people, but it is a thought provoking message to any age. Anyone is welcome to make use of the books in our Library.

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State Secretary - Director's Diary

Thirteen days of this report period were spent out of the state attending the International Convention. Since brief reports were made in the last issue of the Oregon Christian we will not take space this issue to report it again. After returning from the convention I spent a little over one day in the office and then went to Grants Pass to assist the church in a visitation evangelism campaign and a few days preaching. While there they dedicated their new educational unit and I brought the message. I preached 12 sermons, brought 2 radio messages and spoke to the youth groups three times. There were 12 added by statement and 1 by baptism and there was 1 life recruit. The church is growing under the fine leadership of the Pipers. A visit was made to Vernonia, brought the morning message, acted as advisor in a congregational business meeting, met with the Stewardship Committee and held some personal conferences. The Kern Park Church invited me to bring a report on the convention at a Sunday evening service. Attended a State Education Committee and State Youth Committee in Salem. Attended the Northwest District 90 and 9 Rally, the Portland area Christian ministers meeting, the evangelistic meeting at Mallory Avenue and the Oregon Temperance League annual meeting. Ten and onehalf days were spent in the office with 18 conferences. There have been mailed 611 pieces of mail from the office. Mrs. Addleman and myself spent two days in Spokane with relatives over Thanksgiving. 6869 miles were traveled during the month.

Rental Slides On Japan

Kenneth Hendricks, with assistance of the Audio-Visual Department of the United Christian Missionary Society has made up two sets of slides on Japan. One set of 55 slides, "Disciples in Japan's New Day," is the story of our own cooperative work in Japan. The other set of 50 slides, "New Life in Old Japan," is not specifically on our own work, but contains a number of slides showing our work, as illustrative of the Christian movement in general. These sets rent for $2.00 each and may be obtained from the Audio-Visual Department of the Society.

The Hendricks plan to be back in the state the last of December and will be available for speaking engagements. The state office is happy to help them make up their schedule.

Adventures In Evangelism

Northwest Christian College students are engaged in a considerable number of adventures in evangelism in providing Bible Schools where none previously existed and in carrying forward work which may result in the establishment of new congregations. We note the following:

Robert McDonald, who came to N.C.C. from Longview, Washington, is continuing the work which was started some months ago at Brooks.

Ed Farrell, an N.C.C. Senior from Turner, Oregon, is now conducting services in the Bethel District Northwest from Eugene. For more than a year this work has been carried forward with a group meeting in a tent. It is hoped that a more permanent and satisfactory meeting place can be provided in the near future.

Walter Smith, a Senior who came to N.C.C. from Yakima, Washington, is leading the congregation at Gates. The Christians at Gates have hesitated to plan for a permanent building until a government construction job had been decided upon, but now that is settled and work on the church at Gates will continue. Walter serves without compensation other than a portion of his expenses, as do some others in similar cases.

Robert DeLashmutt, a Junior at N.C.C., who hails from Los Angeles, leads in the work at Glenwood, between Eugene and Springfield. Due to recurring floods in the area the population has not been very stable, hence it is not yet been possible to organize the work so as to secure a satisfactory building, but evangelism cannot wait upon federal flood control.

William Casler, N.C.C. Sophomore from Dearborn, Michigan, is helping the Christians at Ingram Island, a location between Junction City and Harrisburg, to hold regular services for Bible School and worship.

Eldon Haley, N.C.C. Senior from Molalla, Oregon, is providing leadership for a congregation meeting at Idanha, and helping the people learn more about New Testament Christianity.

Joseph Scovell, N.C.C. Junior from Garibaldi, Oregon, has been providing leadership for a group meeting at Langlois.

Everett Cecil, N.C.C. Senior from Salt Lake City, Utah, is preaching for a group of Christians at Lowell and plans are being made to build a church home there.

Ray Lindley, who hails from Gooding, Idaho, now a Junior at N.C.C., is minister for the Christian group meeting at Mabel. It is hoped that a modest building can be erected there for the use of the Bible School and church services.

Donald Booher, N.C.C. Senior from Enid, Oklahoma, leads the Bible school and worship services at University Homes in Portland. Because this venture is on Federal Government property no permanent work is possible.

David Kullowatz, N.C.C. Senior from Multnomah Church, is minister at Row River, a logging town without other church services. Plans are well advanced for a church building at this place.

John Townsend, N.C.C. Sophomore from Ellensburg, Washington, gives leadership to the group which meets regularly in an abandoned schoolhouse at Walden.

It should be noted that all twelve places named are new works begun and carried on by Northwest Christian College students while they also carry their regular college work. We hope this list can be equalled by many of our other colleges in other areas of the U.S.A. for we know the need for such evangelism exists. In any case, Northwest Christian College is happy, through her students, to make this contribution to the enlargement of the work of the New Testament Church. —Ross J. Griffith.

The Church Has A Stewardship

We of the ministry have long been preaching stewardship. We have urgently taught that people had a responsibility to God. We have often wondered, and sometimes almost doubted some of our good members' words when they said they just could not give any more. Then a few days later we found out they had purchased a new radio, refrigerator, car, new house and so on. We have said they always find a way to manage if it is for themselves, but when it is for the Lord it is different.

Did you ever stop and think this same spirit often possesses a church? The preacher and his committees talk stewardship as far as individuals are concerned, but practice what some of their members do when it comes to sharing with other causes outside of the local church. We have heard them say we are giving all we can to state missions, the college or the Crusade, and then turn around and build or remodel, buy a new organ, or a new parsonage and so on. It isn't that they do not need, or can not use these; no, it is just like the home. We do not begrudge the home for having nice things. The only question in my mind is who is paying for it? Is it Christian to have children die of starvation while we spend on ourselves? Is it Christian to have men and women die without Christ while we spend on ourselves? Is it Christian when we let communities in Oregon go with out churches while we spend on ourselves? The Christian way is BOTH AND. The The Centennial Fund from which much of our recent advance work in evangelism in the state is taken will soon be gone. Since Oregon did not make askings from the Crusade, we must find a way to finance our new projects in the state. We must have money to employ evangelists and pastor evangelists; we must have money to help undergird the new work with a building both by gifts and loans. We can work with the college, the 90 and 9 and county organizations, but all spells just one word and this is m-o-n-e-y. The churches have a stewardship and when they become as interested in evangelizing Oregon as they are their own local programs and get back of it with the same spirit of self-sacrifice we will see a mighty Church of Christ in Oregon.—C.H.A.

Clothing Drive

Here is something we can all do. Church World Service is sponsoring a used clothing drive. Look through your clothes closets and trunks; do not leave things for the moths to eat; contribute generously to this drive for the needy of other lands. By this means two things can be accomplished—lives will be saved and friendly attitudes developed. Send your packages to Church World Service, 21 Eleventh Street, San Francisco 3. With each pound of clothing contributed send 8¢ to cover warehouse and shipping costs. —E.L.B.

Coast Men Testify

The Coast District of the Ninety and Nine Men's Brotherhood met at Seaside on November 11 and the men enjoyed a delicious repast prepared by the Seaside ladies. Despite an abundance of rain and wind delegations were present from three churches. Vice-president Dorsey Dent presided over the business and program of the evening beginning with a lusty song service with J. H. Grocott, of Astoria, as pianist. E. H. (Rusty) Nichols led in prayer.

Jack Ryan brought the report of the nominating committee and by unanimous action A. J. Swett and Judson Cromwell, of Tillamook, were respectively re-elected as president and secretary-treasurer. Dorsey Dent, of Astoria, was re-elected vice-president. An offering for the state work concluded the business meeting.

Since no guest speaker had been invited an old fashioned testimony meeting took the place of a sermon and resulted in about half a dozen sermons that struck home to every man present. Aldis Webb closed the session with some highlights from the International convention at Cincinnati. Tillamook will be host church for the next rally on Friday, January 13. Wonder if the rain for the occasion will include black cats and ladders.—E.P.D.

Final Property Payment Made

In the last issue of THE OREGON CHRISTIAN we wrote of the need of funds to complete payment on the property purchased by the China Christian Mission, established by Rolland and Gladys Sjodin, at Kweiyang, Kweichow, China. This was an urgent matter since the former owner was demanding the final payment.

A letter from Mrs. Rozelle Henry, 1387 Onyx Street, Eugene, written November 15, says that this final payment has been made. But to do so it was necessary to borrow $1,000. This was secured from an Oregon bank, with personal security; and calls for payments of $88.34 a month over a period of twelve months. Anyone wishing to assist in lifting this note should write to Mrs. Nielan Dodson, 1669 E. 15th St., Eugene, Oregon.

The closing portion of Mrs. Henry's letter says: "Since Kweiyang has been taken by the Communists, according to the morning papers, we are concerned more about Gladys and Rolland over there, of course. We have been remembering them at our prayer meeting services at Fairmont as well as many others, by name, whose needs are mentioned."—J. F. C.

Grants Pass

On November 6 the church at Grants Pass saw one of their dreams for many years come true. They have long needed better equipment for their Christian Education work. Last summer they voted to build the first unit of their proposed new building. As a result of wise planning they were able to get a $20,000 building for about $13,000. This one story unit houses their nursery, kindergarten, primary, junior, a ladies' parlor and a class room for young adults. The church is very happy over the leadership of the Pipers and the work is moving forward in a fine way. —C. H. Addleman. (Brother Addleman held a two week visitation evangelism campaign in connection with the dedication of the house at which there were 13 added to the church).

Crusade News

Evangelism In Japan

Although only $50,000 of the $14,000,000 goal in A Crusade for a Christian World has been allotted for rehabilitation of our missionary work in Japan, it will go far in strengthening the sturdy Christians who have survived the devastating effects of war.

These churches have made unprecedented progress in evangelism since the cessation of hostilities. Although some of their pastors were killed in the bombing, those remaining have zealously undertaken the task of making Japan a Christian nation in a Christian world. If the American churches would gain in membership at the rate of the Japanese churches during the Crusade years the goal of 900,000 additions would be far exceeded.

But economic conditions among our Japanese Christian brethren are bad. With eleven of their buildings and schools totaly destroyed or damaged by war, and with meager personal finances, they desperately need far more than the $50,000 of Crusade funds to enable them to restore their properties.

Japan Report

The eyes of the world have long been focused on Japan. This country with its high literacy fell because of its spiritual delinquency. However, for many years there has been a small but spiritually powerful group of Christians in Japan. Our own Disciple brethren have been a part of them.

Population of the Field	9,575,000
Missionaries	4
National workers	122
Stations	4
Outstations	7
Organized churches	11
Regular meeting places	18
Added by baptism	120
Church membership	706
Bible Schools	11
Young People's Societies	13
Schools, all grades	2
Students enrolled	1,669
Ministerial students	1
Hospitals	1
Treatments	31,825

Operation Clothes

The Disciples of Christ cooperate with Church World Service in the promotion and collection of clothing, bedding, shoes, hospital supplies and medicines for world relief. The Department of Social Welfare of The United Christian Missionary Society has been charged with this specific responsibility.

"Operation Clothes" is the nationwide appeal to be made during the fall of 1949 by Church World Service for more contributed supplies to send to war-stricken areas. That agency will need to have a contribution of eight cents per pound to cover warehousing and shipping cost.

Churches will not receive credit on their Crusade goals for these gifts. They are the PLUS that any Christian should do for suffering humanity.

A New Person

Here is another story Mrs. Virgil Sly brought home to America from her trip to Africa, where she and Mr. Sly, Executive Secretary, Department of Africa Missions of The United Christian Missionary Society, witnessed the vital effect of the Crusade among the Disciples of Christ in the Congo.

Ntange Timothy, pastor of the Mondombe church, his wife and Miss Gertrude Shoemaker made a two weeks' itineration trip into the back country last December during the school vacation. One of the sixth year students in the Mondombe school was among several boys who accompanied them. He became greatly impressed with the message which these Christian leaders carried to the people in the back country villages. He saw in the lives of these people many things that were not Christian and he saw contrasts between Christian and pagan people that he had never known before. On the way home this student spoke to Miss Shoemaker and told her he had decided he would give his life to the church if he could help people like that. Now he is a student at the Congo Christian Institute preparing himself that he may preach and teach in the back country villages.

The Crusade is at work in the Congo!

New Churches In Crusade

With the end of the second World War and the launching of the Crusade there was a back-log of need for the organizing and building of new churches. A survey made in 1946 revealed there were more than 250 communities where opportunities existed for establishment of Christian Churches. If leadership and financial resources had been available these churches could have been launched immediately

In view of these facts goals for raising and recruiting leadership to establish 200 churches were set for this phase of Crusade activity. The shortage of leadership was as acute as the lack of funds.

Because the process of recruiting and training leadership would take more than three years, and because Crusade funds would not be available in sizable amounts until late in the Crusade period, no promise was made to try to establish 200 new churches within the three year Crusade period.

With a deepening sense of responsibility and increased activity nurtured by the Crusade several new churches have been started with the help of state societies and The United Christian Missionary Society. Since July 1, 1947, there have been seventy-one new churches established with aid, counsel and guidance of the above agencies.

These figures show that the first two years of the Crusade thirty-five percent of the goal for new churches has been realized. The completion of this task waits the completion of the goals in recruitment and finances. The opportunities remain. Success depends upon the response of the churches.

One Minute — $10.00

How would you like to build a hospital in India, send some Indian, Mexican, Chinese and African boys and girls to school, support the work in our Crusade in all its appeals, all by yourself, for a definite period of time? You can do it. The cost of the Crusade for one minute is $10.00. Thirty minutes cost $300.—Quoted from bulletin, First Christian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, Lowell C. Bryant, pastor.

Clear The Way
1950
Week Of Compassion
March 5-15

The first brotherhood wide-participation in A Crusade for a Christian World was the observance of the Week of Compassion, February 16-23, 1947. It was one of the most hearty responses to a call for need in the first Century of Cooperation among the Disciples of Christ. The goal of $500,000 was topped by several thousand dollars. Three subsequent offerings to the needs of a war-devastated world have been made with increasing generosity.

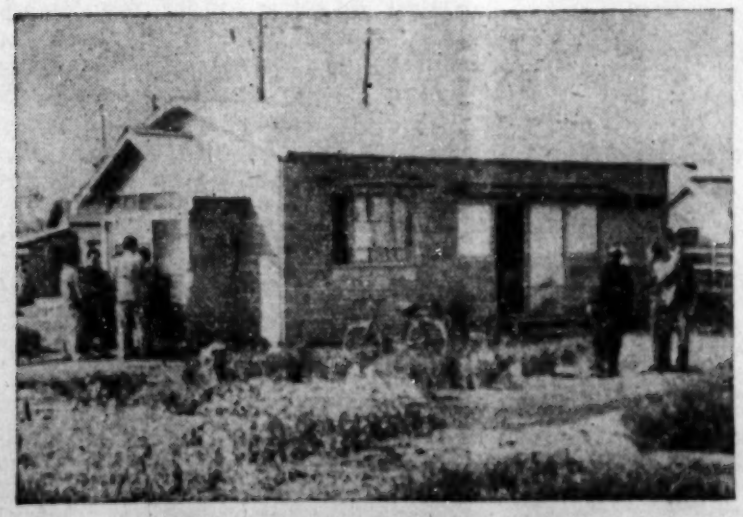
And now as we enter the first year of a New Century of Cooperation, and the third year of A Crusade for a Christian World, we are determined to make the 1950 Week of Compassion the most challenging appeal the wealthy hearts of our people have ever entertained.

Stewardship Reaches New Heights

When the Highland Park Christian Church of Des Moines, Iowa, faced the stewardship goals of A Crusade for a Christian World, it was felt that the church was not ready to accept the tithing program. However, the Finance Committee decided that the church was ready to accept a plan of proportionate giving, setting the proportion at three percent, so that practically everyone could reach it, and not be discouraged to try. Those of the group who were more stewardship minded were urged to give a higher percent and even to the tithe.

Taking the national income reports per person as a basis, the committee suggested that if all the families in the church gave three percent of their income there would be enough to comfortably take care of all local expenses, the Crusade, which was $3,333.33 per year and add $5,000 to the building fund.

The committee went out to sell the idea to the congregation. Using an attractively printed booklet which tells the story of the church and proportionate giving in a simple and graphic way, the response was far greater than they had anticipated.—September issue, The Christian Crusader.



Sendai Christian Chapel, Japan. Site of former building, destroyed in the war, visible in the foreground.

Pastor Chiba of Takinogawa Christian Church, Tokyo, with six girls he has just baptized.

THE SPIRIT OF STEWARDSHIP

The Third Year Crusade The Last Year FOR A CHRISTIAN WORLD

Kenneth Johnston, Director

From The State Chairman

History was made to live again for those of us who attended the Centennial Convention in Cincinnati. We thrilled to the dramatic presentation of the first convention of 1849. These grass root scenes from the past have strengthened our faith and deepened our pride in the great brotherhood of which we are a part.

But this convention program was not confined to history alone. The glories and progress of the past were linked to the opportunities and responsibilities of the future. We were challenged to see that we of today are the link between the past and the future.

As our generation goes so goes the church for decades to come. Ours is the responsibility of keeping faith not only with saints long dead, but also with generations yet unborn.

If we are to be worthy of our position as a link in the chain of a great brotherhood, and more important, as a link in the chain of Christendom, then let us be forged in the white hot fires of a CRUSADING CHURCH! God has revealed this hour of opportunity for today's church. Already we are receiving the thrill that comes from new victories won. From every part of the nation comes stories of new records in evangelism, stewardship, and general advancement of the church. We are Crusading.

When I think of a Crusading brotherhood I think particularly of our Oregon churches. I covet a place for us in the front ranks of Christ's army. I know of no other place that is worthy of either a church or an individual Christian. That Oregon is making progress in the Crusade is beyond question, but progress is being made by certain congregations. How much better it would be if we were all laboring together in this program. We have an unprecedented opportunity to serve our Lord through the Crusade for a Christian World. The future of Christian Education, benevolence, home and world missions will be determined for years to come by the Crusade. Our prayers, our best efforts are needed. They are needed now! Let us keep faith with our Crusading Christ and the saints of history. Let us be true to ourselves and the responsibility of this hour. Let us be CRUSADERS!

Bible School Program

The Crusade is helping to build our Bible Schools, and in Oregon our Bible School enrollment is well above the pre-Crusade years. However, there are altogether too many boys, and girls and adults who are Bible illiterates. If you need suggestions for your Bible School program write to Leighton Dashiell, Dallas, Oregon, chairman of this part of the Crusade.

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In addition to these we have the following Special Crusade Team Members who are giving voluntarily of their time and talent in the interest of helping the churches achieve their objectives:

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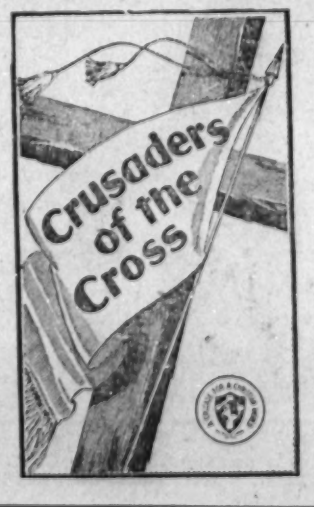
Dudley Strain

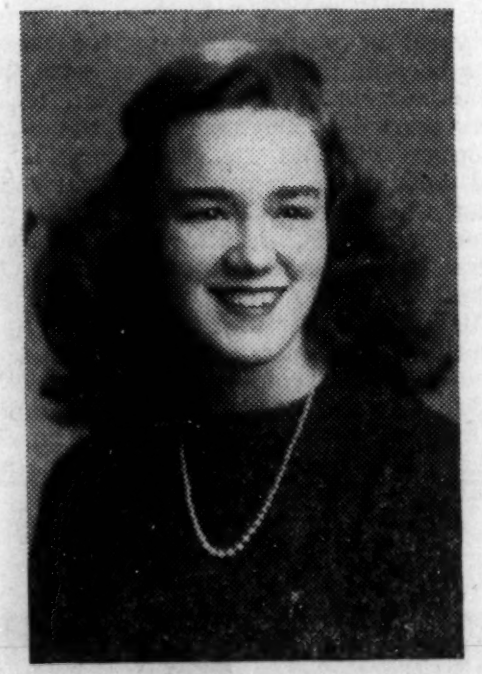
Crusaders Of The Cross

The news of increased activity in the field of Evangelism is, indeed, "Music to our ears." Many of our churches in the past year have had successful old-time revival meetings. Others are conducting programs of personal evangelism. Often times these two are linked together. Also, a number of our churches have evangelized through a "National Teaching Mission." This is one of the new methods of evangelism. It does not replace other methods but does something that none of the others do. It is a program of Fellowship Evangelism. If your church desires help in its evangelistic program, Elery Parrish, chairman of evangelism for the Crusade, will be glad to offer suggestions.



The Bible and Home

The Crusade is attempting to reach 500,000 homes for Christ and the Church through a systematic program of Christian nurture in the home. Neither the home nor the church can live up to their God-given mission unless they are inseparably linked together. Is your church conducting an adequate program of Christian Home Life? If not, then write to Professor Lawrence Bixler, c/o N.C.C., chairman of our Christian Home program for the Crusade. He will be glad to help you.



Dolores Lee

Dolores Lee, Office Secretary

On January 1, 1949 Dolores came into the office and assumed full responsibility for the office work. She is responsible for all correspondence, records, bookkeeping, the library and is receptionist. She is doing a fine work and is growing in her understanding of the total responsibility she carries. She is endeavoring to make the office effective, courteous and attractive. Some plans are under way to make the equipment more appealing to the public. Her salary is listed in the budget as part of the State Missions budget.

Churches In Oregon That Have Met or Exceeded Their Goals

The following Oregon churches are the first to pay in full, or to exceed, their entire financial goal!

Coburg
Eugene, Fairmount
Franklin
Goshen
Madras
Milwaukie
Rockaway
Walton

A total of 80 Oregon Churches have made contributions to the Crusade.

"Into All The World"

The Crusade for a Christian World is a missionary program. Every dollar of Crusade money is for the advancement of our college, benevolent homes and mission stations. We must advance for Christ if justice, love and brotherhood are to come to our world. To achieve its advancement goals the Crusade must have $14,000,000. Every congregation has a responsibility of its share in this goal. If you need help in achieving your goal, write to Arthur C. Bates, Silverton, chairman of our financial program.

N.C.C. Student Preachers

Our student preachers of N.C.C. have recently had two Crusade meetings. The first one was under the leadership of George Oliver Taylor and the second one was under the leadership of Donald Poston. These young preachers are enthusiastic about the possibilities of the Crusade in our local churches. They have been challenged to come through one hundred percent and it is our prediction that they will make good.

We remember that it was the N.C.C. student body who were among the first to raise money to clear N.C.C of indebtedness. It was the students who put a pipe organ in the chapel after the school had gone fifty years without an organ. It was the students who first raised the money for a room in the new dormitory, and the student preachers will be Crusaders because it is again N.C.C. that needs their help. They will make good!

Getting Acquainted With State Missions

By C. H. Addleman

At a recent meeting of the new finance committee it was the united opinion that the churches as a whole did not know enough about State Missions. So the committee requested extra space in the Oregon Christian to be given to bring a picture of the total program. The committee felt that if people were better acquainted with the program they would support it better. They agreed that some of the money would have to be spent in promoting the work if we were ever to lift the standard of giving among the churches. We will try to give you a picture of the entire work of State Missions in its many phases of work.

The State Secretary—Director

He was elected by the State Convention on a permanent basis until such time as he may wish to resign, or the Convention requests it. He gives his entire time to administration, promotion, counsel and evangelism. He has a full time office secretary who manages the office, looking after the correspondence, the financial records, the library, and greets the public when they call at the office. She also assumes much of the responsibility of getting the Oregon Christian to the churches.

The State Board

The State Board is elected each year at the Turner Convention. However, each district nominates its own representative and the convention ratifies it. Hubert E. Sias, minister of the Mallory Avenue Church, Portland, is president. District presidents and vice-presidents on the State Board are: Northwest District, George Whipple, Minister Kern Park Church, Portland; Willamette District, Orville Mick, Minister at Albany; Lane County, Ward Rice, professor at NCC and minister at Pleasant Hill; South Central District, Kenneth Knox, minister at Roseburg; Southern District, Holly Jarvis, minister First Church, Medford; Central District, D. L. Penhollow, minister at Powell Butte; Mt. Hood District, H. L. Porter, minister Hood River Valley Church; East Oregon District, Joe Jewett, minister at Baker. The three lay-members at large are: Hugh Olds, former state president of the 90 & 9 and active in the church at Lebanon; Vernon Delong, active in the men's work in eastern Oregon and in the church at La Grande; and Elmer Newton, active in men's work and in the church at No. Bend. The treasurer is Clay Pomeroy, newly called minister to the Englewood church in Portland; Recorder, Harold Lyman, minister at Court Street Church in Salem; and Rosemary Naff, chairman of the State Youth Committee, and in the First Church, Salem. These are members of the State Board by virtue of their chairmanship. Mrs. Edna Burke, Secretary of the Women's Work, and either Ike Bartel or Ed Dewees of the State Men's work who are invited guests to sit in on board meetings and may enter into the discussions but do not vote.

Committees Functioning Under The State Board

The following committees are appointed by the State Board to do certain types of work: The Grounds Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the Turner grounds, and is composed of Harold Lyman, Chairman, Ed Dewees, Gilbert Carey and Charles H. Addleman. The Investments Committee, which is responsibile for all loans from the Permanent Fund, is composed of Charles H. Addleman, C. F .Swander, and Clifford G. Holland, an attorney and legal adviser. The Finance Committee is responsible for promoting State Missions and financing the program. The committee is composed of Hugh Olds, Chairman; O. L. Soule, a layman in Southeast Church; Kenneth Johnston, H. L. Porter, Paul Moore and Charles H. Addleman.

State Education Committee

This committee is elected at the State Convention at Turner each year and is responsible for the total Christian education work in the state as it relates to State Missions. Members of this committee are: Dudley Strain, chairman; Kenneth Johnston, minister at Dallas; Miss Oma Lou Myers, administrator and teacher in the Portland Week-Day Bible Schools; Mrs. Edna Burke, Secretary of Women's Work; Mrs. Marjorie Moshier, State Chairman of the Children's Committee; Mrs. Thelma Siefke, Professor at Northwest Christian College; Mrs. Bea Corum, active in the Medford First Church; and Chas. H. Addleman.

State Youth Committee

This committee is appointed by the Education Committee and is responsible to it. This committee is responsible for the State Youth program as it relates to State Missions. Rose Mary Naff, of First Church in Salem, is chairman; Mitzi Asai, of Hood River Valley Church and president of Cove Conference; Bill Pifer, of Hillsboro and president of Turner Conference; Ruth Newton, of No. Bend Church and president of Bridge Conference; Donna Plymale, of Lebanon; Joan Daniels, of Eugene First; Don Payne, minister at Corvallis; and Mrs. Burke and Mr. Addleman are ex-officio members.

Children's Committee

The Children's Committee is elected at Turner convention and is responsible for educational materials, methods and leadership training as it relates to our State Missions program. Members of this committee are: Marjorie Moshier, chairman, and a member of the Springfield Church; Mrs. Bea Corum, of Medford First; Oma Lou Myers, of Mallory Avenue; Mrs. Thelma Siefke, of Northwest Christian College and Harrisburg church; and Mrs. Lynnette Rhay, of Eugene First. This committee is responsible for the lab schools and have more calls from churches for special classes in local churches than they can possibly fill. Their work is correlated with the Education Committee.

B. Ross Evans, Evangelist

B. Ross Evans, has been in service about 15 years. His wife sings for him in part of his meetings. He receives $110 per month plus the offerings he receives from his meetings. When Mrs. Evans assists him they receive $150 per month. It is agreed that if the offerings from any church amounts to $300 he turns his check back. This agreement brings his average income to about $3,600 per year. Ross has been called back time after time to the same church for a meeting. His fine Christian spirit, his powerful preaching, his willingness to call and work with each need found in the churches has endeared him to the hearts of the people of Oregon.

Establishing Churches

One of the objectives of our State Missions is to organize, or help to organize, new churches. Through the years of State Missions we have assisted in the establishment of the following churches: Alicel, Ashland, Astoria, Baker, Bandon, Bend, Bridge, Canyonville, Condon, Corbett, Crabtree, Crawfordsville, Creswell, Culver, Curtain, Elkton, Enterprise, Flora, Fort Rock, Fossil, Irrigon, Jefferson, Joseph, Kellogg, Kent, Kingston, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Laidlaw, Lebanon, Liberty, Lostine, Madras, Marshfield, Molalla, Newberg, Newport, New Pine Creek, North Bend, Odell, Ontario, Oregon City, Oretown, Phoenix, Pilot Rock, Pochontas, Portland Mallory Avenue, Portland Montavilla, Portland Rodney Avenue, Portland Rosepark, Portland Sellwood, Portland St. Johns, Post, Powers, Prineville, Redmond, Seaside, St. Helens, Sweet Home, Talent, Tillamook, Turner, Union, Vale, Vernonia, Willamina, Wallowa, Warrenton, Woodburn, and Yoncalla. More recently the following churches were added: Burns, Hermiston, Milwaukie, Nyssa, Oakridge, Portland Parkrose, Portland Southeast.

It would be interesting to note whether the church of which you are a member, or pastor is in the group.

Learning From Others

One of the things I found helpful during the years I was a pastor was to study the methods and plans different churches used to get their work done. I also found it helpful to study the fellow preacher's type of preaching. Now, since I am engaged in this work as state secretary-director, I find it just as stimulating and helpful to study the different methods of work used in various states. With that in mind I attend part of the regional and national meetings. The total plans of another state will not fit into our Oregon program, but I am getting many helpful suggestions. So, when I leave the state for a few days, I go for two reasons: One is to make contributions to the total life of our brotherhod, and the other is to get some new inspiration so I can do better work in this great state we all love.—C.H.A.

B. Ross Evans

A Message from President Sias

We are living under the sign of a new religious awakening across America and in our own expanding Columbian Empire.

Our churches in Oregon, aflame with the torch of evangelism and tempered with the element of cooperative sensitivity, are reaping a share of an expanding Western population.

During the year ending June 30, 1949, our churches across America have enjoyed their largest evangelistic gains in twenty years.

We are still missing the mark set by our Lord and later by the zealous founders of the Nineteenth Century Reformation which brought our churches into being as an indigenous brotherhood.

Hubert E. Sias

In late October of this year some of us stood in the pulpit and upon the hallowed grounds of the "old Cane Ridge Meetin' House" in Kentucky. Looking upon the gravestone and monument of Barton W. Stone, inscribed as "the distinguished reformer in the nineteenth century," we tried to catch something of that evangelistic spirit and zeal which pervaded those grounds during the weeks of the world famous camp meetin' of 1801 when some thirty thousand people camped there and many hundreds of converts were made.

Dare we attempt to live with our consciences, if believing with great conviction, the simple, evangelical, benevolent and missionary message of the New Testament, we fail to measure up to our Christian stewardship?

We must, under God, come to the second half of this twentieth century with open mind, deep faith, clear vision, consecrated hearts, willing hands and generous purses, if we will snatch the demands of this hour with our hands in those that were willingly pierced by wicked nails! —Hubert E. Sias, President Oregon Christian Missionary Convention

Now Is The Hour

If your church is behind in its financial or activity goals for the Crusade, then, indeed, "It is later than you think!" Only six months to go and A Crusade for a Christian World will be history. May it mean a glorious history to you because your church has crusaded!

"NOW is the HOUR"

NEVER AGAIN WILL YOU HAVE AS MUCH TIME TO

Crusade for a Christian World

CHARLES H. ADDLEMAN
Secretary — Director

His time is spent in administration, planning with individuals and committees, boards and churches, visiting the churches, preaching directing visitation evangelism campaigns, meeting

Charles H. Addleman

with groups in other states on matters pertaining to kingdom building, directing the Christian Education and Youth Work. His salary is listed in the budget as part of the State Missions budget.

Centennial Fund

Because many new people have come into our state, including ministers, since our Centennial convention in 1946, questions are often asked about this Fund. It is our one desire to keep the people of our State well informed as to how all funds are administered. This sum of $50,000 was raised during the five year period preceding our Centennial convention. The fund is being used in the following manner: Tabernacle repairs, Communion Service, and landscaping of grounds, $2,295.54; Radio Program, $933; Hebrew Christian Mission, $122; Seaside Christian Church, $812.50; Burns Church of Christ; $1,199.07; new Lodge, Rest Rooms and Memorial Vault on the grounds, $7,130.21; Leep Property, $3,018; Permanent Fund, $5,045; Salary, Pension and Promotional Expense of Centennial Evangelism $10,131.48; East Oregon Conference Grounds, $5,200; Government Bonds, $222; allocated for Women's Building at Turner, $2,500; allocated for chapel on grounds, $1,500; allocated for a new church in Salem, $1,000; gift to the new Southeast Church in Portland, $1,000; allocated for new church evangelism, $5,000 (this money is being used in salary payments to the two state pastor evangelists, Elery Parrish and Gene Chamberlain, at Parkrose, Liberty and Southeast; and future collections to new evangelistic work, $3,370.

The Centennial Fund will soon be a matter of history. The question is, What shall we do? Since we do not have any askings in the Crusade we will have to find new sources of income if we continue our present program of an enlarged evangelism and the establishment of new churches and assisting in getting new buildings. If you will help us to add another four or five thousand dollars a year, such a program as now carried by the Centennial Fund can be carried on and even enlarged.

Budget
of the
Oregon Christian Missionary Convention

October 1, 1949 to October 1, 1950

ADMINISTRATION:	
State Secretary	$ 4,000.00
Office Secretary	2,220.00
Pension	420.00
Office rent	438.00
Office phone	175.00
Office expense	300.00
Field Expense (Car 5¢ per mile)	1,000.00
Board meetings	200.00
Oregon Christian	187.00
Swander pension	360.00
EVANGELISM:	
Chamberlain	1,800.00
Evans	1,200.00
Pension	189.00
Migrant	50.00
CHURCH SUPPORT:	
Seaside	300.00
Glendale	120.00
Milwaukie	180.00
Culver	120.00
Burns	600.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
Planning Council	60.00
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TOTAL	$14,000.00

Record Of Offerings For The Six Month's Period

June 1 to November 30, 1949

Churches	$3,754.62
Schools	438.20
Women	309.45
Individuals	104.00
Designated	121.90
Youth	5.00
TOTAL	$4,733.17
Total same period 1948-49	$4,793.70

Elery Parrish, Pastor Evangelist

Knowing of Elery's special ability to organize churches he was called to this type of service. He goes into a community and helps organize, or helps save a small work and remains with them for a year or more if necessary. His salary is jointly paid by the

Elery A. Parrish

State 90 & 9 and from the Centennial account of State Missions. He is guaranteed $300 per month. Any salary the church pays him is counted against the amount we pay. Elery is doing a fine work at Liberty at present.

GENE CHAMBERLAIN
Pastor Evangelist

Gene was in the field as an evangelist until recently when he took up the work at the new Southeast Church in Portland. He held a meeting for them last May and saw possibilities of establishing a strong church in this growing community. Upon his and Verna's desire the State Board agreed to let them remain there and shepherd this work. We are underwriting his salary up to $200 per month and the

Gene Chamberlain

church is paying $100. Out of the part we pay $150 is out of the State Missions budget and $50 out of the Centennial account. We try to even up the salary scale as far as possible among all our evangelists. A very fine work is being done at Southeast Church and will grow now since they are in their new building. $1,000 was given to the Southeast Church from the Centennial fund to help them on their building and $2,000 was loaned them from the Permanent Fund.

Liberty Church Of Christ

The progress of the re-organized work at Liberty Church of Christ is quite encouraging at this time. The Bible School attendance for the month of November averaged 99, with 107 the largest attendance, and 94 the smallest. The pastor, Elery A. Parrish, conducted an eight-day meeting with nightly preaching from November 13-20. Robert Hendershot, of Turner, conducted the music. There were nine responses to the invitation, five by confession and baptism. A High school group of 25 young people is planning a Christmas pageant. A Thanksgiving dinner in the basement was attended by 75 people at noon on Sunday, November 20. One of the church men furnished a turkey which he raised. He promises to raise two for next year. One of the most urgent immediate needs in a material way is at least two dozen folding chairs. Who can help? The Liberty congregation is meeting a monthly share of over $200 on the church budget which shows they are learning to give of their possessions to the work of the Lord. Please remember this part of the family of Christ in the red hills south of Salem. Elery A. Parrish, Pastor Evangelist.

100th Convention

This summer we will hold our 100th convention of the people in Oregon. Most of these conventions have been held on the Turner grounds. It is rather unique that we should hold our 100th convention within the same year of our Centennial Convention at Cincinnati. Many of those who were in the convention at Cincinnati would like to see our convention really make history this summer. We are open for suggestions from the churches of the state. The convention program committee will meet in the near future so if you have anything to offer make it known at once. Above all else plan now to be present.—C.H.A.

Church Maintenance Support

One of the avenues of the work of State Missions is to give encouragement to churches in time of need. It has not been the policy of State Missions to organize churches and then leave them unshepherded to die in their infancy. Organizing a new church is somewhat like having a new baby come into the family. The cost at birth is small in comparison to the cost of nurture until the child is old enough to care for itself. The budget for this year includes support for the following churches:

SEASIDE which was established a few years ago by the joint support of the State "99" and State Missions with Elery Parrish as evangelist. $25 a month is paid toward their minister's salary. This church has a loan of $4,722 from the Permanent Fund. John Schmid is their present pastor. The church is making progress, but since there is so much change in the community, the loss by removal has been discouraging at times.

GLENDALE was established a few years ago by the joint support of the State "99" and State Missions with Willie White as evangelist. $10 per month is paid toward the minister's salary. This church has a loan of $2,500 from the Permanent Fund. Guy Armstrong has been with the church since it was organized. In fact, he was the organizer. He has worked in the mill to support himself. The work is growing and gaining much favor in the community.

MILWAUKIE was re-established a few years ago under the leadership of B. Ross Evans, our state evangelist. The church met in rented quarters for some time and was greatly handicapped until they moved into their own building. $15 per month is paid on the minister's salary from our state budget. Alger Fitch returned as pastor recently and the work is making real progress. They have a loan of $3,000 from the Permanent Fnd.

CULVER was re-opened a few years ago by D. L. Penhollow and the Central Oregon churches. This is one of the rapid growing communities in Central Oregon as a result of the new irrigation projects. $10 per month is paid toward the salary of their minister. Wayne Osborne is the pastor. It is necessary for him to do outside work for part of his support.

BURNS was established a few years ago by the joint support of the State "99" and State Missions with Willie White as evangelist. $50 a month is paid toward their minister's salary. They have a loan of $4,000 from the Permanent Fund on their building. They, like Milwaukie, met in rented quarters for some time. They are in their own building now and are growing in power and respect in the community. Earl Soward is their present pastor and is doing a fine work.

The above churches are paying out their debt to the Permanent Fund in monthly payments including interest.

N. W. Officers Installed

The Ninety and Nine Men of the Northwest District gathered at the Kern Park Church on November 28 for their bi-monthly rally and installation of officers for 1949-50. The ladies of the Southeast Christian Church assisted by those of Kern Park, worked at top speed to serve the 174 men present, a delicious meal. Gene Chamberlain proved a good gate-keeper as some $90 above the cost of the meal was received to be used in the Southeast building fund.

Freeman Yardley got the program off to a real start as a song leader and Earl Ladd gave the opening prayer. Reports followed on the state evangelistic work by Martin Kullowatz, progress of Southeast Church by Gene Chamberlain, the Millennium Minute Men and field work by Ed Dewees, and the district finance by L. S. Rice.

Gene and Verna Chamberlain sang a duet preceding the installation of the officers elected in the September district meeting. Howard Hutchins, minister of the Oregon City Church, gave the charge to the new officers with a challenge to provide a leadership to match the task of the day. Letters from Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee and Ike Bartel, state Ninety and Nine President, were read by Secretary Grogan. Floyd Shaw, president, then presented the budget of $2,350 recommended by the directors for 1949-50. A vote of approval was given.

After one stanza of a hymn Vice-president Martin Lee presented the speaker, Vernon Kullowatz, minister of the Parkrose Church and district pastor-adviser. Despite a serious car wreck a few hours prior to the meeting (in which he and his family were spared) and the lack of his dinner, Vernon brought a burden to bear upon the heart of every man enlisted under the banner of Christ. After an invitation Brother Charles Addleman pronounced the benediction to close an outstanding rally.—E.P.D.

Gladys Schwake Will Return To Field

On November 10 Gladys Schwake sent out a communication in which she indicates that already she is looking forward to the time when she will be returning to Batang, on the Tibetan border. Many will remember that Gladys overstayed her regular term of service in Batang by many years, due to the war and other circumstances; a number of those years as the only white person on the field.

Some months ago, after seeing that the work was in the hands of other missionaries, she came to America on furlough, bringing her little adopted boy, Donnie, who was in need of an operation. She reports that Donnie's operation was most successful.

Her Communication reads in part: "Our latest problem has been a renewal of stay for Donnie. I've recently consulted the immigration officials and they tell me that if I post a $500 bond for him they will at least renew his stay for three months; but not over six months, as his passport runs out April 21. Now, then, we ask your prayers for our return to that "Red" infested country and that the Lord may open the way for us to get into Batang before the rains begin."—J.F.C.

MALLORY AVENUE — 8 baptisms and 2 added otherwise during November. They had a fine stewardship rally the first of December by the L. O. Leet Company. Hubert Sias, pastor.

MISSION MAKES RAPID GROWTH

Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Guy Humphreys were planning to go to South Africa as missionaries. Seemingly insurmountable obstacles hindered their plans. But about two years ago they succeeded in locating in the eastern section of the Belgian Congo. After a period of teaching from the Gospels and the book of Acts, baptisms began to occur and congregations to be formed. In the third quarter number of "The African", a publication of the mission, we note this flash report: "Latest word (September 23) from the field states that there have been 168 additions to the Congo churches since the last issue of The African (July). 166 of these have come by baptism, and brings the total number in the churches to 350."

Now the latest issue of the Christian Standard carries an editorial statement to the effect that "Already there are more than 500 Christians gathered into eight congregations."

There has been some antagonism on the part of Protestant denominationalists, but surely the blessing of the Lord has been upon this work.—J. F. C.

Sheridan Host Church

Yamhill District Ninety and Niners met at Sheridan on November 21 for their regular rally and for the election of officers for the ensuing year. After a fine dinner provided by the Sheridan ladies in the church dining room the program was opened in the freshly decorated and refinished sanctuary (a roof fire damaged the building during the summer). Leonard Larson led the singing accompanied by Mrs. Zook. Prayer was offered by Brother Bailey and word of welcome was given by Kennet Barrett. The girl's trio of the host church then sang a very beautiful number. Mrs. Zook played a special arrangement of "The Ninety and Nine", a piano solo.

Victor Emmons presided over the business meeting in which a letter from state president Ike Bartel was read by Arthur Parrish, state vice-president for the Northern area. Floyd Shaw brought greetings from the Northwest District and Ed Dewees made further report on the state work and the local president made some good reports on work in their home churches during the roll call. The election of officers followed with the following, unanimously chosen: Arnold Ledbetter, president; Al Newton, vice-president; L. M. Kaufman, secretary-treasurer; and Frank Zook, pastor-adviser. Attendance was 76.

H. R. Rickard, new minister of the McMinnville church, was presented by Brother Zook as the guest speaker. He delivered a timely message on "The Christian's Credentials." The meeting closed with the singing of "Blest be the tie that Binds." and the benediction.—E.P.D.

Ontario

The church is now giving 10% of its regular offerings to missions. We are entering a program to enlist former members and non-members in the work of the Church and school. The midweek meeting is well attended and a study of the Bible is creating much interest. There have been 3 baptisms and 2 transfers of membership in November. Emil J. Helseth, pastor.

Bend Council Hostess

The Bend Council was hostess November 17, 18 to the other councils of District 8. Mrs. Ola Smith, State President, Mrs. Gertrude Mossberger, State Treasurer, Mrs. Mildred Fishback, District No. 8 secretary and Mrs. Burke, Executive Secretary, conducted the rally, presenting the International Convention, new materials for the next six months study on Japan, and held an officer training class. The film-strip "World Call in Focus" was shown. It provided to be both inspirational and informational. Adele Bower, new Oregon missionary commissioned for China at the International Convention but who will work in Japan for a time, gave a talk on "Problems relative to Missionary Work." She announced that her sailing date would be sometime during the first week of December. Worship services for the rally were arranged by Mrs. Fishback. Delegations from Powell Butte, Redmond and Burns attended. The full swing of potato harvest, along with the threat of cold weather, prevented many from being present. —E.L.B.

Northwestern Christian Home

Several Oregon Churches have sent canned goods, jelly, jam, pickles, apples, bacon, and other good things to help provide the "staff of life" for our "other family" at the Home. Mr. and Mrs. Toy, of Vancouver, gave a substantial gift to pay for the turkey and "trimmins" for Thanksgiving, so the Home folks are really thankful. Several groups, as well as individuals, have visited and some presented interesting programs. An old family organ in very good condition was given to the Home by Mrs. Renne, of St. Johns Church, and it is located in one of the sun rooms where it can be used often.

Most of our churches have indicated their intention to participate in the Christmas offering for the Home. Most of the money for maintenance comes from this source, and it offers an opportunity for every one of us to participate. So far this year the income has been below the same period last year, but the operating expenses have not been reduced proportionately. Illustrated folders, coin boxes and envelopes have been distributed, and most pastors have received a supply of handy pocket calendars for 1950 to be distributed to adult members as a constant reminder of the needs of the Home. —R.C.S.

Heppner Council Entertains

Mrs. Edna Burke was the guest speaker on November 16 when the Heppner Women's Council entertained the Hermiston Council with a "thank you" luncheon. Not long ago the Hermiston women were hostesses for a tea honoring the Heppner women. About 60 sat down to tables appropriately decorated with fall flowers and leaves bountifully laden with good things to eat. Mrs. George Parker Council Secretary, was in charge of the afternoon program on our Indian Christian Mission at White Swan, Washington, and All People's Church in Los Angeles. By means of attractive posters, music and dialogue, the story and work of these two Home Mission fields was effectively presented. Mrs. Burke's message portrayed the International Convention. Fifty-one women, including Mrs. Russell Myers, District Secretary, of Milton, and Mrs. M. H. Rice, also from Milton, were present. —E.L.B.

We Are In It Together

In Romans 12:5 we read, "So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." Since we are the body of Christ we are expected to function as normal healthy bodies. This thought leads us to our theme, "We are in it together." If I may be permitted to quote from the message of Dr. F. E. Davison in his message at the convention, and change the thought to fit Oregon, I would say: "By cooperation, the early pioneers held meetings and established churches; by cooperation we had our early camp-meetings; by cooperation our state convention came into being; by cooperation State Missions became a channel through which churches could share in enlarging the boundaries of the church in the state; by cooperation Brother Swander was able to lead the churches of the state in a growing work for 40 years; by cooperation we have a fine college like Northwest Christian; by cooperation we have a fine men's work. What more do I need to say for we see the fruits of cooperation on every hand!

We are in it together for there is such a fine spirit among all our various types of work in the state. There is such a fine relationship between the college, the men's work, the women's work, youth work, benevolent work, education and State Missions. In this rapidly growing state there are opportunities on every hand to reopen a few churches which closed their doors a few years ago, to open new work and strengthen weak churches. As you know the State 90 & 9 and State Missions have jointly established new churches together. The college has the right idea for when someone suggested that the college employ an evangelist and go out and establish new churches in reach of the school, they said it was not their business to establish churches, but to train leadership and make surveys in communities. So the school is ready to cooperate with us in this work. State Missions, the State 90 & 9, and county organizations should help finance buildings and use the college leadership to man these new places in reach of Eugene. This area includes the Mid-Columbia, Central and Southern Oregon, the Willamette Valley and the Coast. I do not necessarily mean that all new churches must be manned by students, but there is no other leadership for many of our smaller churches, and since we are in it with the college we are as much interested as they in training the future leadership of our churches. The new work at Mt. Vernon, in the Springfield area, is an example of this. The college is furnishing the leadership and the Lane County churches are helping provide a building. This is being done, and can be done, in many such places. Parkrose and Southeast, in Portland, and Liberty in Salem, are examples of doing it together. If churches will use such outlets as State Mission, the State 90 & 9, and county groups, much can be done. It is not a question of who gets the credit for we are in it together. Let us get a renewed spirit of crusading and go out and evangelize this state together. —C.H.A.

Heppner

Walter Fiscus closed a meeting here November 6 with 12 confessions and 7 transfers of membership. There were also 7 reconsecrations. "The meeting has put a new lease on my work here." —Glenn Warner, pastor.

Permanent Fund

At the close of the First World War a special gift from the Bend church was made to State Missions which was set aside as a Permanent Fund. Through the years this fund has been growing through special gifts, interest paid on loans to churches, and an allocation from the Centennial Fund. The Fund has grown to a little more than $20,000 to date. Loans have been made to the following churches totaling the aggregate amount of some $42,500: Astoria, Burns, Glendale, Hermiston, Hood River Valley, Milwaukie, Multnomah, Newport, North Bend, Nyssa, Ontario, Oregon City, Portland: Englewood, Sellwood, Southeast; Redmond, Rockaway, St. Helens, Seaside and Willamina. This has proved to be a God-send on many occasions where churches have been helped in an emergency and it has encouraged other churches to build buildings and additions in time of real need.

This Fund is administered by the Investment Committee appointed by the State Board. This would be a worthy investment for someone who would like to see his money work for the Lord after he has passed from this life. Some of the good people of Oregon should remember this Fund in their wills or by special gifts. More calls are coming constantly for loans so this is an opportunity for you to have a special share in this worthy work.

Milton

Twenty-five young people attended the C. E. Convention at Hermiston November 18, 19. It was a most inspiring service.

The college age young people have organized a new Sunday School class with Mrs. Leon Blankinship as teacher, and Philip Gerking as president.

The Women's Council held a bazaar and turkey dinner November 18, with receipts of $267.75 which will be used to help the church.

A Bible School orchestra is being organized to play during opening exercises. A community choir made its first appearance at the Union Thanksgiving services in the Baptist Church, November 24.

The Young people will present a Christmas play, "The Other Shepherd," on December 21.

Seven men attended the "99" district meeting at Athena, November 28. Hiram Dawson, Pendleton, was guest speaker.

Russell Myers is the pastor of this church and his work is progressing nicely.—Reporter.

Englewood

There have been 4 added by statement since September 11 and attendance at all services has increased. The church has called Clay J. Pomeroy to the pulpit. He has accepted and will begin January 1. C. F. Swander has been the ad interim pastor. He will be ready for other supply work after the first of the year. This has been a very delightful experience.

Sweet Home

Two added by statement on the evening of November 27. Willie White, of Fairmount Church and a former preacher here, was the morning speaker.

ROSEBURG — 5 baptisms and 2 transfers in November. Kenneth Knox, pastor.

Growing In The Stature Of Christ

The following is quoted from the National City Christian: Possibilities —

"Longfellow could take a worthless piece of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth $6,000; that is genius.

"Rockefeller can sign his name to a piece of paper, and make it worth $20,000; that is money.

"An artist can take a 50 cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it, and make it worth $1,000; that is art.

"God can take a worthless, sinful life, cleanse it with the spirit of Christ, put His spirit into it and make it a blessing to humanity; that is salvation." After all not many of us can write poems like Longfellow, or write checks like Rockefeller, or paint like an artist and we know we cannot cleanse the sins from a human life. But as fellow-workers with Christ we can bring these precious souls to Him for cleansing and then help them grow in grace and knowledge.

One of the areas of State Missions is Christian education. For years Mrs. Esson carried that work in Oregon. After her illness and death, Brother Swander assumed these duties and slowly and patiently built a consciousness among the churches for better methods of Christian education and a better trained leadership in our churches.

We are living in a day of skilled leadership in America. The church dare not lag behind the community of which she is a part in her methods and leadership. We must build and remodel our churches to care for the Christian educational needs of people. At the same time we must bring our materials, our methods and our leadership up to date. The old abiding Word of God must be made to live in this world of today where people work and live. We must be alert to the latest and best in educational methods and materials and at the same time keep grounded in the faith. For remember, we are growing people into the stature of Christ.

Mrs. Burke Speaks

Following the International Convention in Cincinnati your executive secretary spent November 3-18 visiting Women's Missionary Organizations in South Idaho and Oregon, in the process of which 17 speeches were made. In several instances two or more churches came together for a meeting and social hour.

Mrs. Burke brought the message of the morning service in the Vernonia Church on Men and Missions Sunday, November 13. On the preceding evening at the regular fellowship dinner she told about the International Convention.—E. L. B.

"Out Of Our Hearts"

The Board of Church Extension has just released a new booklet entitled "Out of Our Hearts." This very attractive 8-page booklet shows in graphic style the possibilities of Christian investment through Church Extension annuities. It gives information regarding annuities, rates of interest, age table and survivors. These booklets are for free distribution. Write today to Board of Christian Extension, 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana, and ask for your copy of "Out of our Hearts."

Mission Churches

One of the services of State Missions to the building of the Church in Oregon has been the missionary support of churches in time of need. One of the pitiable things is that we have not been able to answer all of the calls that come from the churches who need such help. Through the years support has been given to the following churches: Astoria, Baker, Bend, Burns, Central Point, Corvallis, Culver, Detroit, East Eugene, Englewood, Estacada, Forest Grove, Fossil, Fort Rock, Garibaldi, Glendale, Glide, Hillsboro, Hood River, Hood River Valley, Halfway, Independence, Ione, Joseph, Kern Park, Klamath Falls, LaGrande, Laurelhurst, Lebanon, Enterprise, Lostine, Mallory, Marshfield (Coos Bay), McKenzie Bridge, Mill City, Milwaukie, Molalla, Montavilla, Mosier, Myrtle Point, Newberg, Newport, North Bend, Nyssa, Odell, Ontario, Oregon City, Pendleton, Peoria, Phoenix, Prineville, Richland, Riddle, Redmond, Rodney Avenue, Seaside, Sellwood, Spray, St. Helens, Talent, The Dalles, Tillamook, Turner, Union, Vale, Vanport, Wallowa, Wasco, Woodburn, Woodlawn.

The total amount invested in these churches since 1905 is $62,444. There is a need at present to work out some type of a relationship with the College in assisting them in establishing new churches that can be reached by the students. There are now growing areas in reach of Eugene where such a work can be done. An enlarged program of church support would guarantee many strong churches for tomorrow.

Eastern Area Rallies

Ninety and Niners of the Blue mountain District met at Heppner on October 31 with a number of their wives as guests. Ladies of the Heppner Church provided an abundance of material food and Walter Fiscus the spiritual nourishment in an evangelistic service which followed in lieu of a program.

Following the evangelistic service a brief business meeting was held and new officers elected as listed: Carl Moon, Milton, president; T. E. Siler, Hermiston, vice-president; Kenneth Presler, Milton, secretary; Gerald Montee, Athena, treasurer; and Glenn Warner, Heppner, pastor-adviser. Paul Moore pronounced the benediction.

Inter-Valley men met at La Grande on November 7 and elected the following officers: Harry Burgen, La-Grande Church, president; Everett Smith, Baker, vice-president; George Wright, Baker secretary-treasurer; and Joe Jewett, Baker pastor-adviser. — E.P.D.

Sutherlin

In the five months of our ministry here there have been 31 additions, of which 19 were baptisms. There are 30 or more young people at Sunday School each Sunday. Lloyd Whitford, pastor.

Powell Butte

The Tan-Ditters closed a good meeting here November 20. There were 2 confessions. There was another confession the following Sunday. D. L. Penhollow, pastor.

James Clay Pomeroy

Was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clay J. Pomeroy, 1535 S. W. 10th Avenue, Portland, on November 1949; 8½ pounds. Congratulations, Clay and Christine.

111 At Corvallis

The Corvallis church entertained the Ninety and Niners of the South Willamette District on November 28 and had 40 local men out for the meeting. A local organizational meeting is planned there in the near future and it would appear that it should get off to a real start.

Program features included solos by Miss Merilyn Powell and a presentation of the work of Christian House on the Oregon State campus. Dr. Carroll Roberts, minister of the First Christian Church in Eugene, was the guest speaker. Total attendance at the rally was 111. —E.P.D.

State Missions and Youth

One of the areas of the state in which the secretary-director gives some guidance is in its youth work. While we are interested in interchurch, or interdenominational work, as carried on through Christian Endeavor and the Oregon Council, we do feel there should be a binding fellowship and relationship between the youth of Christian churches. It is just as important as it is with the men and the women. With this end in view we are working toward such a program including special projects, education, fellowship and eventually organization. This is as necessary as it is for the men, and we all know what the State 90 & 9 has done for the men of our churches. It is not our purpose to interfere with the program of any local church, but to give an opportunity for youth to work together on a state level. Many churches are interested in such a program as this, so to this end we are working toward such a goal. We are interested in unity in practice as well as unity in doctrine.—C.H.A.

GLADSTONE — W. I. Palmer, of Bend, held a two-week meeting with 2 baptized and 1 by statement. W. R. Hensley, pastor.

PORTLAND FIRST — 5 added by transfer according to recent issues of The First Christian. Myron C. Cole, Pastor.

Southeast Christian Church

This missionary project reached another milestone in its development on December 11 as it dedicated its new building. 250 people filled the seating space to overflowing during the afternoon program. Many churches were represented. Dudley Strain, pastor of the First Church in Salem, brought a splendid dedication message; the "Master's Men" Quartet, from NCC brought several numbers, while others brought significant contributions to the program. The cash offering amounted to more than $300.

To date we have finished the roof, the water proof paper on both sides, the floor, wiring, plumbing, ceiling and reconditioning of the seats. Churches and friends have come to the aid of the project with finances and labor in a wonderful way.

The building is 40 by 60 in dimensions. The roof is a cement tile. The auditorium will accommodate 180 people. It is the first unit in a three-unit building. The cost of this unit is approximately $8,000. There is an indebtedness of $2,000. We will clear this and finish the interior as rapidly as possible.—Gene Chamberlain, Pastor-Evangelist.